1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 6 AT TACOMA 7 8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NO. CR13-5185BHS 9 **Plaintiff** ORDER ON COMPETENCY 10 11 v. 12 MICHAEL MORSE, 13 Defendant. 14 15 This Court being familiar with the records and files herein, and having reviewed 16 the psychological reports from Dr. Mark Whitehill and Dr. Ryan Nybo, as well as the 17 stipulation of the parties makes the following findings and order: 18 On October 22, 2013, the defendant, MICHAEL MORSE raised the issue of 19 competency. 20 This Court granted MORSE's request for a psychological examination. This was 21 conducted by Mark Whitehill, PhD. 22 This Court also granted the government's request for a second competency 23 evaluation. A second competency evaluation was conducted by Bureau of Prison's 24 Forensic Psychologist, Ryan Nybo, PhD. 25 MORSE, after reviewing both reports, decided to withdraw his request for a 26 competency hearing and the parties have stipulated that MORSE is competent to stand 27 trial. 28

Based upon the stipulation of the parties, this Court enters this order finding MICHAEL MORSE is mentally competent to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against him and is competent to assist properly in his defense. DATED this 20th day of June, 2014. United States District Judge Presented by: <u>s/Bruce M</u>iyake BRUCE F. MIYAKE **Assistant United States Attorney** s/Brett Purtzer Attorney for Michael Morse